



Ysgol Yr Holl Saint All Saints' School

A Voluntary Aided Church in Wales School



Cylchlythyr - Newsletter - 22.09.2023

Dear parents and carers,



We come together as a school later this morning to commemorate the Gresford Mining Disaster. A small group of pupils from Year 5 and 6 will also be representing the school at the memorial to the disaster and I know they will do so with respect. Our work to commemorate the disaster continues to grow and develop and I am incredibly proud of a learning pack that school staff have created with colleagues from the Miners Rescue Centre to help other children learn about this important part of our history. It was a privilege to attend the memorial evening yesterday with some of our year 6 pupils at the Miners Rescue Centre, they represented our school superbly. Over the course of this week it has been a pleasure to see the very hard work going on across the school as our pupils enjoy their whole school local study, the standard of presentation and effort being put into learning is fantastic and it is always enjoyable seeing the pupils' work and hearing them talk about their learning. I hope you have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support of the school and staff.

Diolch, Mr Hatwood.

Let's do something amazing Let's do a Macmillan Coffee Morning



MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding our annual MacMillan Coffee morning on Friday 29th September 2023 from 9.30 - 11.30am in the main school hall. Donations of cakes for this very worthy cause would be gratefully received. Pupils will have opportunity to visit the coffee morning throughout the morning and parents/carers are also warmly invited to attend.

School Meals - Parent Pay

The roll out of the Universal Free School Meals programme has continued this week and it has been wonderful to see pupils' table manners improving so much in the Dining Hall as pupils enjoy their food with their friends.

Please do continue to ensure that all school meals are ordered in advance on Parent Pay. We have a small number of parents/carers who are not pre-ordering, from Monday we will be phoning home to request a packed lunch is brought to school when meals are not pre-ordered.

Tempest Photography

The Tempest Photographer will be present in school on **Thursday 5th October 2023** taking individual and family group photographs.

The photographer will arrive in school at 8.00am for a prompt 8.30am start for family groups of children who have brothers and sisters who do not attend this school. Those children, who have brothers and sisters within this school will have their photographs taken

during the morning or afternoon sessions, please do not attend for the 8.30am session.

Toys

We have noticed a small but increasing number of pupils coming to school with toys from home. Could we ask for your support in ensuring that toys are not brought into school. These can become easily lost and broken and can prove a distraction to the child who has brought it into school, but also to other pupils within the class. Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring toys remain at home.



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Year 1/2 – Messy Maps

Pupils in Year 1 and 2 have been busy creating their own excellent maps as part of their locality studies. Pupils explored what the local area means to them and what key features make up the local area. Following this, they designed their own maps to showcase the key human and physical features of Gresford and how these are interlinked! Well done to Year 1 and 2.



Gresford Mining Disaster

Our pupils in Year 6 have been busy designing their own printing pads to commemorate the Gresford Mining Disaster, the anniversary of which is today.

Their work will form part of our commemoratory display within school and will be shared with the Miners Rescue Project which we are a key part of in Wrexham.















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Urdd Gobaith WHO IS THE URDD? Urdd Gobaith Cymru is an organisation for children and young people. WHAT DOES THE **URDD OFFER?** The Urdd offers unique, exciting and unforgettable experiences to children and young people in Wales, including: Residential centres Weekly sport clubs and Art events Opportunities to travel abroad Compete at the **Urdd Eisteddfod** Become members of the Urdd's National Youth Theatre

WHY JOIN?

By being a member you / your children will be able to make the most of everything that the Urdd has to offer. It opens the door to so many opportunities, to enjoy, to take part and to make new friends for life.

HOW TO JOIN?

To become a member:

Membership cost: £10 per child

(discounts available*) Family membership: £25 (3 or more children)

membership for children who are eligible for free

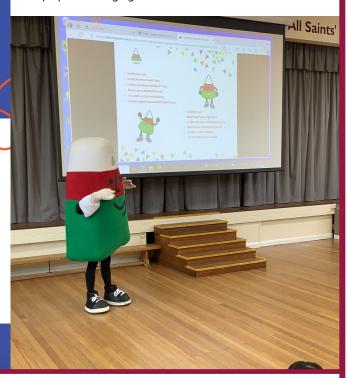
school meal support





Urdd

We welcomed Guto from the Urdd to school this week to deliver an assembly for Year 3 - 6. We are hopeful lots of pupils will join the Urdd this year to allow us to enter the many sports, cookery, art, poetry and many more competitions open to schools! Our Criw Cymraeg will be sharing information on an exciting competition soon for our pupils to engage with!



Logistics and the School Campus

the website.

To see what's on offer

'My Area' section on

We would like to thank those who continue to park considerately around the school campus at drop off and pick up times, using accessible parking bays with the correct badges and ensuring that our neighbours drivewaus remain clear and accessible as well as the yellow zig zag lines. We also have a Road Traffic Risk Assessment review being conducted by the Local Authority at the request of the school over coming weeks to help make improvements to the safety of the school site at drop off and pick up time.

At the start of the school day, we do require the school campus to remain secure and ask for your cooperation in not entering the school yard or playground when dropping off. A prompt drop off also helps keeping the traffic flow around the school moving giving spaces for others to then park. Staff are available on the school gates daily to pass any messages to class teachers. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.













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Messy Maps in Reception

In Humanities, our Reception pupils have been working groups to create 'messy maps' from school to our Wonder, the All Saints' Church. Pupils had to think carefully about what they saw and pass on their journey to the Church and how these key features are linked. Excellent map work skills Reception!



Year 5 – Gresford Mining Disaster

In Welsh pupils in Year 5 have been learning new vocabulary relating to our mining topic and how to turn these into first person and past tense. The children enjoyed coming up with movements to help us remember the words for walk, get up, eat, drink, dig and wash.













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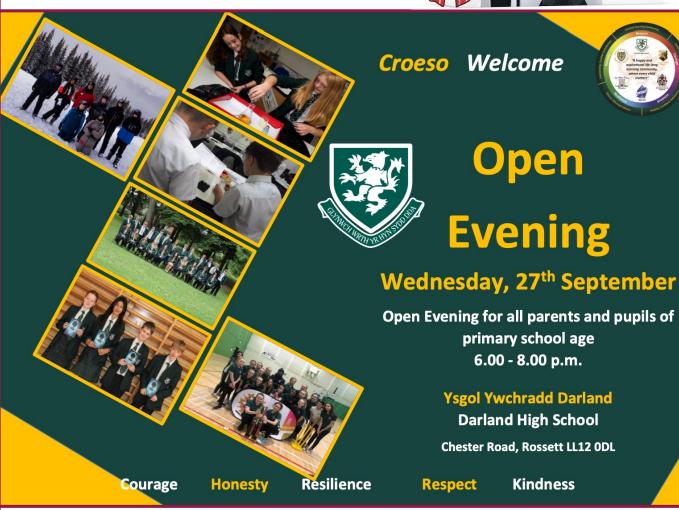
Christmas 2023

We look forward to our Christmas Fayre, Hotpot and Quiz Evening which will take place on Tuesday 12th December from 4.30pm (Craft stalls) and Quiz/Hotpot at 6pm.

Tickets will be available on Parent Pay very soon and numbers will be limited, so please keep an eye on the Newsletter for further information.

We will also be sending home Christmas raffle tickets soon with our pupils. This year we have the amazing top prize of a Play Station 5 up for grabs with many more exciting prizes to win!

















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Admissions - September 2024

The secondary school admission round has opened and will close on 6th November 2023. Please do contact <u>admissions@Wrexham.gov.uk</u> if you need any support or guidance regarding secondary school admissions.

Reception September 2024 admissions will open on 25th September 2023 and all pupils attending Nursery will be required to apply for their place, a nursery place does not guarantee a place in Reception. We will be writing to parents and carers when the admission round opens with a new prospectus and further information, including the links to complete to apply.





Flying Start

We are delighted to be offering Flying Start Provision through the Gresford Governors' Clubs and Playgroup and will soon be installing a new purpose built centre for this and for our Playgroup.

Pupils aged 2 – 3 who live in certain postcodes are eligible for 12.5 hours per week free childcare under Flying Start. Please contact playgroup@allsaints-pri.Wrexham.sch.uk to check your eligibility, places are filling up quickly, so don't delay, check today!















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Parent/Carer Drop-ins

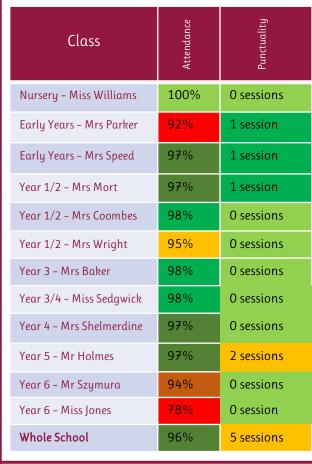
The purpose of our drop-ins is to give opportunity for informal discussions around ongoing school issues, for Mr Hatwood to share any new developments, ideas or initiatives and to promote opportunity for home/school links.

Our next drop-in will take place on **Monday 25th September from 5pm – 6pm.**



Attendance and Punctuality

We continue to focus on improving attendance and punctuality at school. This week, the attendance and punctuality rates have been positive with holidays accounting for most absence. Term time holidays are no longer authorised and letters informing of concern will be shared when triggers are hit.



Equates to:	100%	PERFECTION
SCHOOL DAYS off each year	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	96%	GOOD
9 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	95%	NEARLY THERE
SCHOOL DAYS off each year	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
SCHOOL DAYS off each year	90%	CONCERNS (referred to Educational Welfare / Persistent absentee)
SCHOOL DAYS off each year	85%	SERIOUS CONCERNS









